

Minutes:

Fairhaven Bikeway Committee

March 21, 2013

Attendance: Mark Badwey, Robert Espindola, Nancy Greene, Kenneth Pottel, Kathleen Sturtevant, Geoffrey Sullivan, Susan Sullivan

- February meeting minutes approved
- Group informed that Julianne resigned from committee due to other commitments
- Upcoming Bikeway Summit at UMASS Dartmouth Law School- 6-8 p.m.-3/28/13-committee members encouraged to attend if able
- Update on bridge -route from New Bedford to Fairhaven- Bob reported that letter was written by regional group to D.O.T. asking them to making accommodations for bikes ? striping or widening shoulder- D.O.T. said that they would look into it – Ken mentioned that our next goal will be to connect bridge to the Fairhaven Bike Path
- Press Release for forum- Ken will do
- Flyers for forum- Ken will contact Matt and ask him to have flyer ready to distribute at summit on 3/28/13
- Groups to invite to forum- Sustainability Committee, Land Trust, Nature Trails Committee (Nancy will contact)-also leave flyers at Rec Center and other town locations
- Mimi Grant update- Bob reported that application will be for regional group- looking for \$2,500- Julie, Ken and Bob will work on grant- deadline is 4/12/13-? use grant for safety events, group rides, purchase banners, helmets to give out, etc.- want to try and spread events out throughout the year
- Stop and Shop dumpster- Geoff and Susan reported that they spoke with manager twice and the problem is not resolved, Bill Roth spoke with Board of Health- they will investigate issue-discussed having a clean up day ? asking prisoners
- Bike to Schools – Ken spoke with school committee members Stasia Powers and Pam Kuechler- he suggested we meet with parents' groups, he will contact building principals- much planning needed and consider having a bike to schools day in the fall
- National Bike Week –May 8, 2013- rides are being planned(Rene- planning long route,Molly and Freddie-planning shorter route)
- Flyers- ask Matt to create flyers for National Bike Week event and Bike to Schools event
- Forum- April 11, 2013- Town Hall- 7 p.m.
 - Ken Pottel- chair
 - Rene- Scoticut Neck crossing
 - Bill Roth and Geoff- connection to West Island
 - Matt- connection to other communities
 - Bob-Riverwalk project
 - Steve Miller- guest speaker—livable streets
- Speakers will get together prior to forum to organize event
- Susan will again attempt to contact Ann Carreiro regarding establishing a bank account now that our name has been changed
- Fairhaven resident- Debbie Fleurent- Orchard St.- brought pictures and concerns regarding safety issues on Orchard Street-drivers not seeing bike riders, potential for accidents, no stop sign before Scoticut Neck Road- Kathy will bring concerns and pictures to BPW
- Next meeting- April 25th, 2013- 7 p.m.